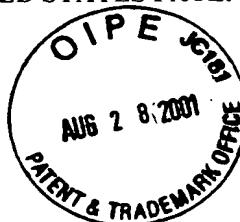


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

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application of prior pending Application No. 08/965,200, filed November 6, 1997,

For (Title): INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM

By (Inventors): Satoshi EJIMA and Akihiko HAMAMURA

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
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5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation of Application No. 08/965,200 filed November 6, 1997. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. Formal drawings (Figs.1-16(D)) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

7. Priority of foreign application No. 9-122009 filed May 13, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
 The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 08/965,200 on January 26, 1998.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/052,217 filed July 11, 1997 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 8924, Frames 388-391.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

13. Small entity status:
 a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
 b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

14. Other: Petition for Extension of Time in parent application.

15. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

16. The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, and/or Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560.
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